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FIVE SOLDIERS TO BE AWARDED BRONZE STAR FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ

NORWICH, Conn. – Five soldiers from the 248th Engineer Company will be awarded the bronze star on Sunday, December 12, 2004, 11:00 a.m. at the Norwich Armory.

Capt. Guy Joseph, Waterford, Conn., 1st Lt. Robert Dollack, Manchester, Conn., 1st Lt. Steve Nowakowski, North Haven, Conn., 1st Sgt. Robert Desjardin, Sterling, Conn., and Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Burke, East Lyme, Conn., will receive the bronze star.

All five soldiers are being recognized for meritorious achievement and meritorious service while serving in Iraq.

On Sunday, the unit is holding a holiday Christmas party for the soldiers and their families. This is their first holiday family get together since their deployment.

The unit was stationed at Al Asad and Ar Ramadi, Iraq, which is approximately 70 miles west of Baghdad on the Euphrates River for most of their deployment.

The 248th Engineer Company specializes in horizontal and vertical construction such as road construction, road repair, construction of buildings and repair.

The unit returned to Connecticut in May 2004 while spending approximately 18 months on active duty.

This event is open to the media.

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